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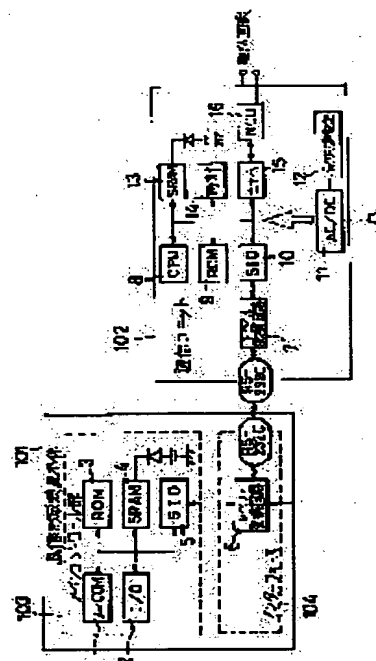
(54) IMAGE FORMING DEVICE HAVING COMMUNICATION FUNCTION

(57)Abstract:

PURPOSE: To allow a main body and a communication unit to detect whether or not the opposite party is normal at all times in the image forming device comprising the image forming device main body and the communication unit.

CONSTITUTION: An image forming device main body 101 and a communication unit 102 are connected by an RS-232C. The communication unit 102 is connected to a host computer through a telephone line. When a communication check command is sent from the communication unit, the image forming device main body 101 returns an confirmation signal and discriminates whether or not the check command is sent for a prescribed period. When the period not receiving the check command takes place consecutively three times, it is discriminated that a fault takes place in the communication unit 102. On the other hand, the communication unit 102 sends periodically the check command to the image forming device main body 101.

When the period not receiving the confirmation signal from the image forming device main body 101 takes place consecutive for three times, it is discriminated that a fault takes place in the main body 101.



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